



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Eva Henson
RE: Work Session Meeting of June 12, 2018
DATE: June 12, 2018

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Dan Gibbs, Thomas C. Davidson, and Karn Stiegelmeier – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Thad Noll, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Tom Gosiorowski, Public Work Director; Curtis Garner, Transit Director; Kate Berg, Senior Planner; Brian Lorch, Open Space and Trails Director and Eva Henson, Administrative Manager.

Guests: Deepan Dutta, Richard Strauss and Kevin Burns.

I. Discussion of Electrical Buses and Fleet Upgrades (Transit)

Curtis Garner, Tom Gosiorowski and Kate Berg discussed in detail the Summit Stage bus fleet and the life of each bus – engines, miles and hours used. Transit recently received 6 new Gillig diesel buses this year, which leaves only 18 of 26 buses in the fleet that have exceeded their useful life based on mileage. Summit County also received a notice of a grant funding award, under the 5311 capital grant program, in April 2018 for the purchase of 3 additional diesel buses. To aid in achieving the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035 staff evaluated the procurement of battery electric buses in lieu of diesel. Staff reviewed the following but not limited to:

- Research
- Projected Costs
- Emissions Reduction
- Utility Capacity
- Funding Opportunities

Scott Vargo and Commissioners gave comments and inquired about how electric buses would perform in high altitude, long winters and running long hours, and what training opportunities are there for the mechanics at First Transit. The BOCC agreed that it is a good idea to continue to advance forward, but still had a few lingering questions regarding costs, Xcel Energy capacity in our area, and rates of return calculations.

II. Bureau of Land Management Draft EIS for Blue Valley Land Exchange (OS&T)

Brian Lorch gave a brief overview and noted that he had reviewed the recent Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Blue Valley Ranch Land Exchange to determine if the BOCC issues

raised in their June 7, 2016 comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management had been addressed. He noted that the comment period deadline is June 25, 2018.

Commissioner Gibbs noted that Work Session is not a forum for public comment, but allowed Richard Strauss a brief moment to comment. Mr. Strauss expressed his concerns of various points of access.

The Commissioners requested staff to make several minor revisions, but agreed that a comment letter should be sent prior to the deadline.

III. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

- Sheriff and USFS discussed current fire conditions and danger in Summit County via a conference call this morning – recommending Stage 1 Fire Ban
- Funding request from Performing Arts Theater in Silverthorne (BOCC noted they would like clarity on the request)
- Potential future Work Session topic pertaining to Skier's Edge
- Reviewed potential playground equipment for West Hills project
- Munis Training and Budget Kickoff for departments is scheduled for later this week
- Upcoming meeting is scheduled with North Fork and Vail Resorts to discuss issues and concerns with parking.
- Commissioners reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events

IV. Review of Legal Issues with Potential Open Space & Trails Land Acquisition

Jeff Huntley recommended an Executive Session discussion for this topic to discuss confidential real estate matters, negotiations and the legal issues related thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stiegelmeier and seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to go into Executive Session pertaining to confidential real estate matters, legal advice and the legal issues related thereto. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved

Respectfully submitted:



Eva Henson, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Dan Gibbs, Chair